United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh Security Message for U.S. Citizens Municipal Elections Scheduled for Wednesday, December 30, 2015

(December 20, 2015)

Countrywide municipal elections in Bangladesh are scheduled for December 30, 2015. Historically, preelection periods in Bangladesh have seen unrest. As always, remain vigilant, avoid crowds and be aware of your surroundings at all times. Avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. The <u>Bangladesh Travel Alert</u>, issued on November 10, 2015 is still in effect.

For further information:

- See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and <u>Country Specific Information</u>.
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- Contact the <u>U.S. Embassy in Dhaka</u>, Bangladesh, located at Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh 1212, at (88) (02) 5566-2000, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Weekends and After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is (88) (02) 5566-2000 and press "0" and ask for the duty officer.
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